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Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limits of allowable Claim 3, and Claims 2 and 3 have correspondingly been canceled. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**" As the above amendments introduce no new matter to the application, their entry by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Banauch. In view of the above amendments in which Claim 1 incorporates the limitation of the allowable Claim 3, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner finds that a Telephone Conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned (650) 327-3400.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that extensions or other relief is required and/or fees are due applicants, the Applicant petitions for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0815, Order Number LIFE007, for any fees due in connection with the filing of this document. The Patent Office is not authorized to charge issue fees to our Deposit Account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

1. (Once amended) A composition of matter comprising:
a non-bibulous positively charged substrate; and at least one
water soluble tetrazolium salt on at least one surface of said positively charged substrate.

Cancel claims 2 and 3.